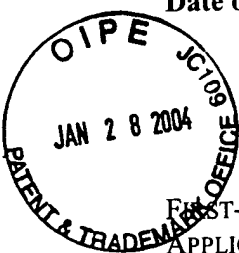


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR OR      John H. Leamon, *et al.*  
APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:

FOR:

**METHODS OF AMPLIFYING AND SEQUENCING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS**

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A NEW NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a new nonprovisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims the benefit of priority to the following applications: USSN 60/443,471 filed January 29, 2003, USSN 60/465,071 filed April 23, 2003; USSN 60/476,313 filed on June 6, 2003, USSN 60/476,504 filed June 6, 2003, USSN 60/476,592 filed on June 6, 2003; USSN 60/476,602 filed on June 6, 2003, and USSN 60/497,985 filed August 25, 2003. All patent and patent applications in this paragraph are hereby fully incorporated herein by reference.

2. ☒ Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 218);  
Specification (161 pages); Claims (15 pages) Abstract (1 page); and  
Drawings: (41 Sheets, FIGS. 1 - 42)

☐ Formal  
☒ Informal

3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney

☒ Unsigned  
☐ Signed

4. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Copy of IDS and PTO-1449 (\_\_\_ pages)  
☐ Copies of references cited

5. ☐ Assignment Papers

☐ Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595)  
☐ Assignment Document

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6. ☒ Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☐ Claiming Small Entity As Independent Inventor (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1)).
- ☒ Claiming Small Entity As Small Business Concern (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2)).
- ☐ Claiming Small Entity As Nonprofit Organization (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3)).

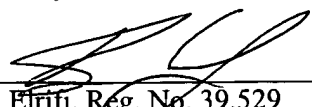
7. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
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Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	17	- 3 =	14	\$86.00	\$1204.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	0	0	0	\$290.00	\$
SUBTOTAL:					\$3126.00
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TOTAL FEE:					\$1563.00

8. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1563.00** is enclosed.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21465-510 UTIL:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
- ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
11. ☐ Other Documents Enclosed:

Respectfully submitted,

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